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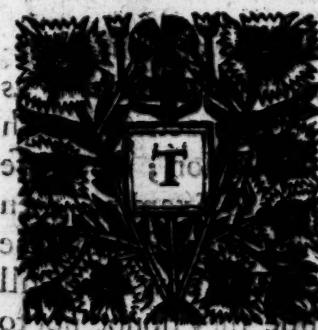
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THE Commons Assembled in this present Parliament have taken into their most serious Consideration the deplorable Condition of *Ireland*, where those fatal Counsels that did so long Govern the Affairs of these Kingdoms have so far prevailed, that the Arms and Garisons there have been taken from Your Protestant Subjects, and put into the Hands of *Irish* Papists, and the *English* Protestants that remain there left Naked and Defenceless in the Power of those Enemies, which never yet shewed them any Mercy when they had them at an Advantage. **W I F**

Nor is it the Strength of the *Irish* Natives only, animated with their Zeal for Popery, and a longing Desire to free themselves from any Dependency upon the

Crown of *England*, that is likely to Create Your Majesty an Opposition there; but they have likewise Cast themselves under the Protection of the *French* King, who will without doubt Employ that Force, with which of late Years he hath Over-aw'd *Europe*, to Support those Your Rebellious Subjects, thereby, if possible, to give Your Majesty a Diversion, from opposing in other Parts of the World his Ambitious Designs of an Universal Monarchy.

The Commons therefore seeing so evident a Necessity of reducing that Kingdom under Your Majesties Obedience, and the great Expence Your Majesty must undergo in Maintaining such a War, do now humbly Present to Your Majesty their Heartly Assistance in a Poll-Bill, which they look upon as the most speedy and effectual way of raising ready Money on this Occasion, Solemnly Engaging themselves to supply Your Majesty with such further Aids, as may be proportionable to the Charge of the War; as long as it shall continue.

Next to this, they have Considered of Your Majesties Revenue, and the Charges that are upon it, as also the Complaints against several Exactions which have been Practis'd in the late Collection; But these Matters requiring a longer time to Examine, then they expected, they have Pass'd a short Bill for the Continuance of it in the same State it now stands till *Christmas* next, within which time they doubt not to prepare such an Establishment, as may fully supply the Expences of the Crown without Oppressing the People.

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